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OFFICE OF
GENERAL COUNSEL

Ms. Tiffany Finck-Haynes
1100 15th Street NW
11th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

RE: Request Number EPA-HQ-2018-006709

Dear Ms. Finck-Haynes:

This is in response to your request for a fee waiver and expedited processing in connection with your request seeking documents regarding establishment of an Interagency Working Group.

Based on the information provided in your request, we have determined your request does not reach the minimum billable amount. Therefore, no charges are associated in processing your request. The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention will be responding to your information request.

In addition, your request for expedited processing was evaluated as to whether there is an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged Federal government activity by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information to the public and whether a lack of expedited treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual. Your request does not show that it was submitted by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information to the public. Your request also does not contain enough information to support a finding that a lack of expedited treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual. Therefore, I find that neither standard is met by your request, and your request for expedited processing is denied. This request will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

You may appeal this denial for expedited processing by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals *received* after the 90-calendar-

day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Larry F. Gottesman", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Larry F. Gottesman
National FOIA Officer